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SUBJECT : IIM: The Readiness of Soviet Ground Forces

REFERENCE : SRP Memo, [redacted] dtd. 26 Aug 82

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1. This is to offer my appreciation for your thoughtful comments on the ground readiness paper. As usual, you have helped us step out from the trees and take a needed look at the forest. Over the next week and during the community coordination sessions we shall take the necessary steps to incorporate your suggestions into the final product. [redacted]

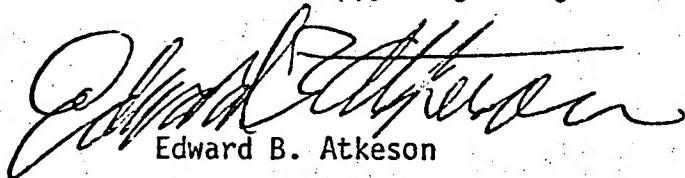
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2. On your suggestion to attempt a rough quantification of the intangibles (C³, leadership and morale, and logistics), however, I am going to demur. I believe we have come a long way in this paper in advancing the state of the art. [redacted]

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3. Your comments on the intangibles do convince me, however, that we ought to take a fresh look at the discussion in the IIM on these factors. There may well be room for some additional thoughts beyond what may seem to some as a rather cavalier dismissal because of the inability to quantify. If you see a need to discuss this further, I'd be happy to get together at your convenience. [redacted]

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